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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Mary E. Brunkow et al.  
Application No. : 09/668,021  
Filed : September 21, 2000  
For : COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR INCREASING BONE  
MINERALIZATION

Examiner : Margaret Jamroz, Ph.D.  
Art Unit : 1644  
Docket No. : 240083.508D2  
Date : February 20, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Please replace the original Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract:

Compositions and methods for increasing bone density using antibodies directed to a novel class or family of TGF- $\beta$  binding proteins are provided. The disclosed compositions are useful, for example, in the diagnosis, prevention and/or treatment of diseases associated with a loss of bone density, for example osteoporosis.